

## THE HEADLIGHT.

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Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, has introduced a bill for the admission of New Mexico.

Speaker Reed is conquered, and agrees to report rules for the government of the House.

The deadlock in the Iowa and Montana Legislatures continues, with little prospect of a break.

The down stage between Florence and Casa Grande was held up by a masked robber near Florence on Thursday morning. The Wells-Fargo express box was taken; but it is not known how much was secured.

The Butler bill providing aid for the deportation of American negroes to Africa was strongly endorsed by a large convention of negroes at Birmingham, Ala., on Thursday.

Four million pounds sterling of one pound silver notes have been printed ready for circulation by the British government. That ought to settle the war on silver now being made by the Harrison-Windom administration.

The Goff-Fleming contest for the Governorship of West Virginia, which has been for several weeks on trial before the Legislature of that state, was finally decided on Tuesday last, Fleming, the Democrat, being awarded the place.

Destructive floods in Oregon this week destroyed large amounts of property. All the bridges at Salem and Oregon City were washed out, and a railroad construction train on the Union Pacific was engulfed and eight men drowned.

The Washington residence of Secretary of the Navy Tracy was burned on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Tracy, in trying to escape, threw herself, or fell, from a second story window, and was fatally injured. A young daughter was burned in the building. Mr. Tracy was carried out unconscious, but soon recovered, and a daughter and grand daughter were seriously though not fatally injured.

Give her statehood, free schools, irrigation ditches and storage reservoirs, and New Mexico will lead the states of the southwest. (Gallup Register.)

You've got it wrong end to—Bro. Swan. Put it this way: "Give her free schools, irrigation ditches and storage reservoirs." Then we will be ready for statehood, and the rest will come. Statehood alone will not bring them, and statehood first, or without these, would be, as old Gov. Bill Allen used to say a d—burdened ideal.

Kansas, the banner Republican state, has been peculiarly unfortunate in sending senators to Washington who have forgotten their party pledges and turned traitors. Years ago it was afflicted with Ross, and now it has a parallel case in Anderson. (Las Cruces Republican.)

Mr. Anderson enjoys the distinction of being considered one of the ablest, most conscientious and industrious members of Congress during the past ten years. Ross considers it far from faint praise to see his name associated with that of such men as John A. Anderson.

When the Police Court opened in Washington on Tuesday morning of last week, one Mary Ann Daugherty was in the prisoner's dock, and on the trial of the complaint against her she was given the alternative of paying \$5 or going to jail for 15 days for raising a disturbance in a drug store while drunk. This was the same Mary Ann Daugherty for whose relief a special pension bill passed Congress some two years ago, and for voting which President Cleveland was roundly berated by the entire Republican press of the country.

The Republicans of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs have decided to recommend to Congress the appropriation of \$350,000,000 for building seventeen war vessels. That would be almost of necessity followed by an expenditure of many millions more in testing their equipment, and some scores of millions more, annually, in their maintenance. A very few years would suffice for these seventeen ships to eat up a thousand millions, saying nothing of the cost of a war they would likely provoke. People who are always intent on being thus prepared for war, generally get it, sooner or later.

## SOMETHING TO THINK OF.

A widow and mother of several minor children was ejected from her homestead in St. Louis the other day because of her inability to pay the taxes thereon.

The value of a homestead exemption is seriously diminished—it may cease to be protective—when that homestead may be confiscated for taxes.

This presents a topic for the serious consideration of the people of New Mexico when they shall be again called upon to frame a state Constitution.

Did it ever occur to those who are howling themselves hoarse over alleged outrages on the negroes of Mississippi, that if such stories had any foundation in fact, the negroes of other states would hardly be flocking into Mississippi by the thousands, as they are.

Ohio has now a Democratic Lieutenant Governor as well as a Democratic Governor—the trial of the contested election case having been decided in favor of the Democratic nominee. The Legislature of that state will now be able to correct the present gerrymandering apportionment that sends a two-thirds Republican delegation to Congress to represent a heretofore doubtful and now Democratic state.

Brigadier-General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the division of the Pacific, has been ordered to Washington, to testify before the senate committee on coast defenses on the subject of a selection of cities for fortification on the Pacific coast. While Gen. Miles is in Washington, it is to be hoped that he will give some attention to the recently reported order locating the Germano band in the Indian Territory. Their presence in that proximity to New Mexico will be a continuing menace to the peace of this Territory. If they cannot be kept where they are, let them be sent to some New England state, where the people seem to have more sympathy for the out-throats than for the victims of their butcheries in New Mexico and Arizona.

## THE DEMING RAILROAD.

Within a few weeks the laying of the rails will be commenced on the Sonora & Sinaloa railroad at Deming, New Mexico. The grading is completed from Deming for a considerable distance to the south. Leaving Chihuahua, the grading is also completed for six miles to the west. The road will run from Deming via Lake Palomas, Ascension, Corralitos, Casa Grande, El Valle and Santa Ana to Guerrero and from there eastward to Chihuahua and to the west to Guaymas and Topolobampo Bay. The extent of the road will be fifteen hundred miles, all in the Mexican states of Sonora, Sinaloa and Chihuahua. The work will be light for the greater part of the distance. Ellis, Huse & Co., of Chicago, have the contract for the first 150 miles from Deming, running south and have opened an office there. Richard Clegg & Co., of Ottawa, Ohio, have obtained a contract for 150 miles in Mexico.

As the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe is again on a solid financial footing, the arrangements agreed to some time ago between that company and the Fort Worth & Denver and the St. Louis & San Francisco have been revived and it comes from very high railroad authority that the Frisco will build at an early date from Sapulpa to a junction with the Santa Fe and Fort Worth & Denver at Washburn, and the three roads will build and operate jointly a line from Washburn to a point opposite Albuquerque, from which point the Denver will build to El Paso and the Frisco and Santa Fe will build and operate jointly a line to Albuquerque.

ALLISON AND LARRABEE. The farmers of Iowa are sending petitions after petition to the Legislature of that state, demanding the election of Hon. William Larrabee to succeed Mr. Allison in the United States Senate. Governor Larrabee's refusal to submit his policy to Wall Street for revision and his spirited resentment of the attempt of Federal officials to interfere on behalf of corporations against Iowa, have made him stronger than any other Republican in the state, especially at this time when his astuteness is in such sharp contrast with Mr. Allison's weakness and vacillation. The feeling that Mr. Allison does not represent the State has intensified since the legislative session began, and the majority of the people of the State undoubtedly approve the dead-lock which prevents the corporations from carrying out their plans for controlling the Senatorial election. The supporters of Allison have been detected in suppressing petitions for his retirement from the Senate—a desperate

measure they would not have adopted unless they had felt themselves in an extremity. Such petitions have been accumulating until, in their total, they show an opposition to Mr. Allison too great to leave room for the claim that he is the choice of the people of Iowa. The demand for Larrabee in his stead has been emphatic and persistent. Mr. Larrabee himself has thus far ignored it. He has not become a candidate and he may not become one, at all, but it is certain enough that if he is not the next United States Senator from Iowa, it will be because he is unequal to his opportunities. (St. Louis Republic.)

Regarding the humane society's action contemplating the suppression of mixed car load shipments of live stock, a practice not unfamiliar to small shippers, yet forbidden by the statutes of both Missouri and Kansas, a number of prominent freight officials in Kansas City have expressed themselves as having no objection to its carrying out. Such shipments are always made at the solicitation of the consignee, who, as a rule, is seeking to get a little the best of it by running in a hog or two with a lot of cattle not quite constituting a car load. The railroads themselves have no interest in winking at the practice, and will undoubtedly take concurrent action looking to its abolition. An officer of the humane society will, beginning February 1st, have a permanent station at the stock yards to take cognizance of violations of the statutes bearing upon these cases, and to procure subsequent arrests therefor.

New Mexico has too great expectations and too little honest hard work. More people should read Dickens. The sooner every one learns to do the best that circumstances will permit, the better it will be for all. We need more people who build homes, and fewer who build castles on wind. More who will add in building up schools and churches and not so many who deposit their surplus (often before they get it) where it brings the worst kind of return for themselves in the future. (White Oak Interpreter.)

The approaching exhaustion of the English coal fields seems to have much to do with the transfer of immense capital and manufacturing interests to the United States. Seventy-nine years has been estimated as the utmost limit of the endurance of coal in England when that country must relinquish its claim to being the leading manufacturing section of the world; as above intimated, already immense transfers of manufacturing interests are being made to the United States and other countries. One of the largest iron manufacturing concerns in England has made arrangements for a bodily transfer of its entire plant and business to the United States, while other manufacturing interests are going to France, Switzerland and Germany, where advantage can be taken of the great water powers that exist in those countries, a power that does not exist in England to any important extent. Then too the transfer of manufacturing interests to the United States finds large inducement in the low cost of raw material the greater profits realized and the rapidly growing demands of the country in its prosecution of great and multiplying enterprises. The difference to manufacturers is that America is a developing country and will so continue for many generations to come, while England has reached the height of her material development and is on the decline, her capital is therefore seeking investment in other and younger countries in immense quantities, and her industries see better chances and greater encouragement in other countries.

When a bill was introduced in the Quebec legislature providing rewards for the heads of large families it was laughed at around the world as a very good joke. The matter assumes a more serious aspect when it is learned that the bill is now actually a law, and men with twelve children are entitled to receive 100 acres of government land without cost. The first applicant under the act, was a man with thirty-six living children, who wanted 300 acres of land.

The report again comes to the surface that Mr. Preston, of Santa Fe, has the inside track for the chief justiceship of New Mexico. It will be interesting, not to say picturesque, when Mr. Preston, with the ermine wrapped about his athletic shoulders, is listening to the wrangling of lawyers over knotty points of law and fact, to hear him yell "Houd!" and "out!" when he catches an error. Such judicial opinions would have the commendable merit of brevity, and the gate money to the show would be immense. (Opinion.)

On Saturday evening about 5 o'clock one of the dams of the Agua Fria company, at the hot springs, burst and let out almost the entire body of water at once, which went rushing down the cañon, overflowing the levee on all the ponds below and causing considerable damage thereto, but the principal damage was to the dam itself and the ice above it. The entire pond above the dam was covered with ice about twelve inches thick, and very hard and clear. All this ice, which amounts to hundreds of tons, will probably be a total loss. A force of men had just gone to work the day before the break cutting and storing this ice, but this accident has put an end to their labors. (Opinion.)

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The New Mexican recently stated that under the late administration the militia was used only for personal and political reasons, and there was no organization except on paper. The utter untruthfulness of this charge is known by every intelligent man who resided in New Mexico during the Apache war. The militia materialized at that time, a fact due largely to the energetic measures of Governor Russ, and it did about all that could have been reasonably expected of it. The ex-governor, in the last Hualapai, replies to the charge of the New Mexican, and, in a very dignified but effective manner, wipes up the ground with Maxey. Maxey should be very sure of his facts when he challenges to controversy a man so easily his superior in the discussion of public men and measures as Edmund G. Ross. (Opinion.)

Dr. Canine has located the ruins of seven ancient pueblos and a large prehistoric reservoir in the neighborhood of his ranch north of the Navajo church. He will repair and utilize the reservoir which he thinks will afford him a lake of water half a mile long, an eighth of a mile wide and in places twenty-five feet deep. (Gallup Register.)

Gov. Prince has appointed and commissioned the following notaries public: Jas. W. Bennett, Weed, Lincoln county; Francis L. Pearce, Albuquerque, Bernalillo county; Chas. A. Spies, Mora, Mora county; Barrage Yale McKee, Deming, Grant county; Sofre L. Alexander, Albuquerque, Bernalillo county; Jas. Frederick Kinkade, Kingston, Sierra county; Marcelino Martinez, Mora, Mora county.

When a prominent cattle raiser sees a brighter future ahead for the cattle industry we may believe that there is something in it, for cattlemen, like farmers, always take the most depressing view of their own business. Frank G. Bloom, of Trinidad, is one of the largest, as well as one of the most intelligent cattle raisers in the southwest. He watches the market and studies the cattle industry with the closest scrutiny, and when he says there is light ahead his words will have weight. Recently, in Pueblo, he was interviewed by a Chieflain reporter, and to the latter he said that the cattle market is slowly but surely improving, and because of increasing exportations to Europe, prices are getting better.

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